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General Comment

Clearly, our community depends on clean water for our health, livelihoods and economic security.

Unfortunately, pollution is killing the Chesapeake and hundreds of other rivers and creeks in the region. All this pollution gets collected into the bay, which is no better shape today than it was 25 years ago.

You now have the unique opportunity to do something about it, and the time has come to put strong, enforceable water safety standards in place to protect our homes, support our economy and ensure that our streams and rivers are healthy today and for our children's future.

I urge you to develop a strong pollution diet in my state that holds us all accountable for the pollution that is harming our wildlife and damaging our local economy. It is imperative that these plans address all sources of pollution and demonstrates how reductions will be gained. Citizens across this state and the region need your help to keep our water clean and protected.

My note: This problem has been going on for years. Chemical fertilizers have been contaminating the Chesapeake Bay, creating red algi which takes all the oxygen out of the wate...killing the marine wildlife. Farmers in Pennsylvania and Maryland must be stopped from letting their fertilzers drain into streams and rivers which then reach the Chesapeake Bay. I know that some progress has been made, but if that progress is so minimal, then what, and or who is NOT doing their political job to do an effective job resolving this problem. Someone

needs to kick butt.